

URBAN DISTRICT OF HOLMFIRTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

P. M. SAMMON

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

FOR THE YEAR

1969



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HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT



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Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

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(resigned 31.8.69)

Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:

W. HARGREAVES, M.A.P.H.I., A.M. Inst. P.C.

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J. S. MITCHELL, M.A.P.H.I.

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Divisional Health Office,
6/8 St. Peters Street,
Huddersfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Holmfirth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Holmfirth Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1969.

The Report is in the form prescribed by the Department of Health and I am presenting it on behalf of Dr. P. M. Sammon who was Medical Officer of Health for the year in question but has since left to take up a similar appointment elsewhere.

The Sections of the Report which deal with the Sanitary Circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, were compiled by your Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hargreaves, and formed his Annual Report for the year.

The incidence of infectious and other diseases does not call for any special comment.

In Section VII of the Report, particulars are given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as the local Health and Education Authority.

In conclusion I have pleasure in recording the help and encouragement given to the staff of the Department by Members and Officials of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. STUART,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Holmfirth is situated on the Northern slopes of the Pennines, and lies to the South of the County Borough of Huddersfield. The general conformation of the country is very hilly, being comprised of several ridges with their corresponding valleys. The altitude varies from 300 feet at Honley to over 1,700 on Holme Moss.

Down the main valley flows the River Holme which is fed by several streams. The Southern part of the District is wild and rugged and a considerable part of the Area consists of moorland. The principal townships in the District are Holmfirth in the centre of the area and Honley in the northern portion.

The chief industry is the manufacture of woollen cloth, but farming, stone quarrying and engineering also provide occupation for a considerable number of the inhabitants.

General Statistics

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,565
Enumerated Population (Census, 1951)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,073
Enumerated Population (Census, 1961)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,391
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1968)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,890
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1969)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,960
Area Comparability Factors: Birth 1.11; Deaths 0.93								
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1969	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,379
Rateable Value (31st March, 1970)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£501,338
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1970)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,981

Vital Statistics

Live Births

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)								West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate						
		M	F	No.	%	Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm.Cty	
1969	293	154	139	18	6.14	15.45	17.15	17.2	17.1	16.3
1968	318	175	143	21	6.60	16.83	18.68	17.9	17.8	16.9
1967	341	184	157	16	4.69	18.01	19.99	18.2	18.2	17.2
1966	288	156	132	20	6.94	15.29	16.97	18.2	18.2	17.7
1965	306	161	145	11	3.59	16.35	18.15	18.3	18.4	18.0

Still Births

					1969		1968		1967	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	4	—	3	1	1	—
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..				13.47		12.42		2.92	

Infant Mortality—Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT					Holmfirth U.D.	West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		U.D's	Adm.Cty.	
		M	F					
1969	5	4	1	1	17.06	19.3	18.9	18.1
1968	11	9	2	1	34.59	19.7	18.5	18.3
1967	11	6	5	1	32.26	19.2	19.2	18.3
1966	6	5	1	1	20.83	20.1	19.8	19.0
1965	8	5	3	—	26.14	21.0	20.7	19.0

Deaths

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex						
		M	F	Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm. Cty.	
1969	217	106	111	11.44	10.64	12.9	12.6	11.9
1968	210	104	106	11.12	9.90	12.9	12.6	11.9
1967	286	145	141	15.11	12.54	12.3	12.0	11.2
1966	291	149	142	15.45	12.51	13.3	12.9	11.7
1965	321	135	186	17.15	13.03	12.7	12.4	11.5

The Chief causes of death were:—

					1969	1968	1967
(i)	Circulatory Diseases, excluding Cerebro-vascular Disease	..	..	..	91	70	107
(ii)	Malignant Neoplasms	..	..	..	42	41	42
(iii)	Cerebrovascular Disease	..	..	..	36	31	39
(iv)	Respiratory Diseases	..	..	..	22	26	35

These four causes accounted for 88.02% of the total deaths, 155 or 71.43% occurred in persons 65 years or over and 92 or 42.39% in persons 75 years or over.

A table showing the causes of death, ages and sex distribution is set out on page 5.

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	0-	4- wks.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
All Causes	M	106	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	26	31	37
	F	111	1	..	2	1	1	..	1	3	15	32	55
Malignant neoplasm—	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Buccal Cavity, Etc.	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malignant neoplasm—	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Oesophagus	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malignant neoplasm—stomach	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	F	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Malignant neoplasm—intestine	M	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..
Malignant neoplasm—lung,	M	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2
bronchus	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Malignant neoplasm—breast	F	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Malignant neoplasm—prostate	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other malignant neoplasms ..	M	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..
	F	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..
Diabetes mellitus	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anaemias	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of nervous	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
system	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chronic Rheumatic	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
heart disease	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hypertensive disease	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ischaemic heart disease ..	M	36	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	11	14	9	..
	F	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	13	..
Other forms of heart disease	M	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..
	F	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	..
Cerebrovascular disease ..	M	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	6	..
	F	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	7	9	..
Other diseases of circulatory	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
System	F	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..
Influenza	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Pneumonia	M	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..
	F	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..
Bronchitis and emphysema ..	M	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	1	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of respiratory	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
system	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Intestinal obstruction and	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
hernia	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of digestive	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
system	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Nephritis and nephrosis ..	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of genito-urinary	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
system	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Congenital anomalies	M	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birth injury—difficult Labour	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
etc.	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other causes of perinatal	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mortality	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Symptoms and ill Defined	M	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Conditions	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
All other accidents	M	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..
	F	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Suicide and self-inflicted	M	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
injuries	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All other external causes ..	M	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Maternal Mortality

No deaths were registered as directly due to pregnancy or childbearing.

Cancer

The number of deaths attributable to Cancer during the year numbered 42 (21 male and 21 female) as compared with 30 in 1968.

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Staff

The Medical Officer of Health and his deputy are part-time officers of the Council, but are engaged whole-time on public health work.

In addition, the staff consists of a full-time Chief Public Health Inspector, two Additional Public Health Inspectors and a Clerk.

Laboratory Facilities

These are available at the Wakefield Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Ambulance Service

For accident and general cases this is provided by the West Riding County Council. Infectious cases are removed by the ambulance of the Infectious Diseases Hospital to which the patient is removed.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

One full-time home nurse resident at New Mill and two home nurse/midwives resident at Holmfirth and Honley are employed by the County Council.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics

Health Centre, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth—Thursday afternoon.

The County Clinic, Honley—Friday afternoon.

Council Offices, New Mill—Wednesday afternoon.

Venereal Diseases Clinic

The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

Hospitals

- (a) Infectious Diseases: Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield.
- (b) General Hospitals: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield;
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital; and
Deanhouse Hospital, Thongsbridge.
- (c) Maternity: Holme Valley Memorial Hospital;
Princess Royal Maternity Home;
St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield;
The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Water Supply

Huddersfield Corporation is responsible for the water supply in the whole of the district. The following information on sufficiency and quality of the public supplies has been kindly supplied by Mr. W. M. Jollans, Waterworks Engineer and Manager, County Borough of Huddersfield.

Of the 7,379 houses in the district, 6,846 (92·8 %) are supplied from public mains direct to the houses. Most of the water supplied is chlorinated before distribution.

Mains have been extended to new housing development and extensions are still required to various small isolated communities.

Sampling of public supplies has been regularly carried out by Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department.

The results of the samples taken by the Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department are given below:—

(a) Public mains supplies examined for:—

(i) Chemical Analysis (see table on page 9)

(ii) Bacterial purity

The following standard for water collected in the distribution system is recommended:—

- (1) Throughout the year 95 % of samples should not contain any coliform organisms or E.Coli in 100 ml.
- (2) No samples should contain more than 10 coliform organisms per 100 ml.
- (3) No sample should contain more than 2 E.Coli per 100 ml. (i.e. faecal contamination).
- (4) No sample should contain 1 or 2 E.Coli per 100 ml. in conjunction with a total coliform count of 3 or more per 100 ml.
- (5) Coliform organisms should not be detectable in 100 ml. in any 2 consecutive samples.

The classification of the 357 samples is as follows:—

SAMPLED AT...	Holm-bridge (C)	Holme-Styes (C)	Greave (NC)	Snape (SC)	Bank-house (SC)	Bradshaw (SC)	Holme (SC)	Goose-holes (SC)	Deer-hill (C)	Total
No. of samples	52	51	43	40	42	41	46	41	1	357
No. of samples containing more than 10 coliform organisms per 100 ml.	—	—	4	1	2	2	1	2	—	12
No./of samples containing more than 2 E.Coli per 100 ml.	—	—	6	6	7	2	4	6	—	31
No. of samples containing 1 or 2 E.Coli per 100 ml. with total coliform count of 3 or more per 100 ml.	—	—	6	6	7	2	4	6	—	31
No. of occasions on which 2 consecutive samples contain coliform organisms per 100 ml.	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	5

C = Chlorinated SC = Solution Feed Chlorinated NC = Non chlorinated

(b) Private supplies:—

79 samples of domestic water, all from private supplies, were taken by the Council from 46 premises and examined bacteriologically at the public Health Laboratory, Wakefield. 46 of the domestic samples were reported as unsatisfactory. Owners and occupiers have been informed of polluted supplies and where necessary action has been taken to secure an unpolluted supply or to purify existing supplies.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Plans of 94 proposed works of drainage and installation of sanitary fittings in connection with existing buildings were scrutinised by the public health inspectors. In the majority of cases the existing drain inlet was traced to ensure that the proposed work would communicate with the foul sewer and not with surface water sewers or water courses. Similarly such completed drainage work was inspected and checked to the foul sewers. Inspections and visits made in connection with this work numbered 336.

During the year work has continued on the construction of new sewers to accommodate excess sewage flow and trade effluent from the mills, and the extension of Neiley sewage works. Although this work has fallen a little behind schedule due to adverse weather conditions, progress as, on the whole, been satisfactorily maintained.

During April, 1969, the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a detailed scheme for the sewerage of Piper Wells, Cumberworth, this entailing the laying of 550 yards of 6" pipes. This scheme was still under consideration at the end of 1969.

The populous parts of the district are fairly adequately sewered but improved means of disposal are required in some of the outlying parts, particularly the Cartworth area.

Rivers and Streams

Inspections of new works of drainage and the construction of septic tanks and outfalls were made to prevent pollution of watercourses. Known cases of existing pollution of watercourses are dealt with as local circumstances permit.

Closet Accommodation

It is estimated that of the 7,379 houses in the district at the end of the year, 6,674 (90·4%) had water closet accommodation for their sole or shared use. The remaining 705 houses (9·6%) had 462 privies, 64 tubs and pails and 20 chemical closets, a total of 546 closets, for their sole or shared use.

It is estimated that 18 privies etc., exist in 12 non-domestic premises.

No. of closets other than water closets converted, dismantled or demolished following:—

(a) Installation of water closets	..	..	..	..	9
(b) Demolition, closure, etc., of houses	..	..	..	..	Nil

(i) Chemical Samples

Supply	pH value	Haze/Colour No.	Total solids	Chloride	Oxygen absorbed	Total Hardness	Lead	Iron	Manganese	Aluminium	Fluoride	Sodium	Potassium	Free Chlorine	Total Chlorine
(A) Average of 5 spring supplies	7.0	<5	107	25	0.34	41	0.05	0.32	0.05	0.13	0.05	9.2	1.2	0.01	0.03
(B) Holmestyes Filter Station	8.0	<5	67	13	0.67	35	Nil	0.27	0.08	0.21	0.10	6.4	1.1	0.06	0.21

Note: All figures in parts per million except pH and colour.

Privy Grants

A grant of £40 or half the cost, whichever is less, is paid for each privy or tub closet reconstructed as, or replaced by, a water closet. Grants were paid in 1969 in respect of 3 such closets.

Improvement Grants

Improvement grants were paid in 1969 in respect of 9 houses where closets, other than water closets, had been in use previously.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Chief Public Health Inspector is responsible for superintending the refuse collection and disposal service including the maintenance of refuse transport. The latter being carried out by private garages, with the exception that the Health Department foreman has as one duty, the greasing and changing of oils of refuse transport vehicles.

Refuse and Salvage Collection arrangements:—

Following the introduction of a refuse collection and closet emptying bonus scheme on 23rd May, 1966, the frequency of refuse collection has further improved and is less than fortnightly, but not weekly. A “back door” house refuse collection is in operation. Shops in the centres of Holmfirth, Honley and New Mill have a weekly collection of trade refuse.

Refuse Collecting Rounds, table

Refuse collecting round	Vehicle No.	Make	Nominal Capacity	Team
1. Holmfirth—West of river (b) (d)	12	Bedford TK (1967)	7 cu yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
2. Holmfirth—East of river (b) (d)	16	do.	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
3. New Mill (b) (d)	13	Bedford TK (May 1965)	7 cu. yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
4. Honley and part Holmfirth (b) (d)	6	S. & D. (1961)	16/18 cu. yds. F & A tipper.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
5. Honley (b) (d)	11	Bedford T.K. (June, 1964)	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
Shop & factory (C)	5	Karrier Bantam (1959)	10 cu. yds. Derby	(a) Driver & 1 loader

Notes: (a) driver to assist in loading.

(b) also carry out emptying of privies and tubs.

(c) collects paper salvage only.

(d) also collects house waste paper - basket on rear or part of cab used (No. 6).

Refuse disposal

All refuse is disposed of by partly controlled tipping at the three tips—Berry Banks (Holmfirth), Scotgate (Honley) and Sike Bottom (New Mill). Foster Place tip is not used. The use of mechanical equipment—crawler tractor and a tipper truck—have much improved the control of the tips. Tipped refuse does however accumulate at the tips beyond the day of tipping due to the 3 tips being in use each day and the inability of the one man control to attend each tip each day.

The Honley destructor ceased to be used as a destructor about March, 1968, as the destructor cell required complete re-lining and had been in any case totally inadequate to cope with the quantity of refuse arriving at the tip for many years. On Saturday, 1st March, 1969 the destructor building was burnt out; the roof, doors, staircase and windows being destroyed. It had been used for storing a few bales of rags and strings and the daily round collections of waste paper. Vandals were suspected of having gained access.

On Sunday, 7th December, 1969 Berry Banks tip was opened for the first time from 10.00 a.m. to noon to permit the public to tip. The tip was to be opened on the first Sunday each month for a trial period.

Salvage

Salvage collected and sold during the year ended 31st March, 1970:—

	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Cartons	—	—	—	36	2	3
Waste Paper	200	9	0	2026	5	3
Metals and Textiles	9	11	3	218	11	7
Totals ..	210	0	3	£2280	19	1

The salvage bonus amounted to £367 3s. 5d. the maximum bonus per man being £14 3s. 8d. for the 12 months. Each cleansing section employee shares the bonus on a basis of months employed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Class of Workplace	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered at end of year	Premises receiving a general inspection during year	No. of persons employed
Offices	—	22	2	71
Retail Shops	1	64	23	185
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	—	2	—	29
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	4	1	12
Fuel storage depots	—	1	—	2
Totals	2	93	26	137M. 162F.

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises—29

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

West Riding County Council
(General Powers) Act, 1951
Registration of Hairdressers

Twenty-nine premises are registered for carrying on the trade of hairdresser or barber. There are no byelaws in operation in connection with these businesses, the standards of the model byelaws being applied in the requisite instances.

Clean Air

A volumetric air pollution measuring instrument is situated in the Council Offices, Holmfirth.

The following are the results of the instrument:—

	Average Value		Highest Value		Lowest Value	
	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂
January	129	189	223	350	54	96
February	138	219	244	345	57	126
March	137	235	264	435	64	7
April	79	140	135	290	27	76
May	67	140	123	275	27	73
June	48	91	89	147	20	64
July	30	76	73	141	15	53
August	43	92	72	156	20	56
September	58	122	118	177	25	68
October	81	108	212	249	20	50
November	87	141	179	327	25	84
December	136	175	237	623	56	69

Figures indicate the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide in micro-grammes per cubic metre.

One observation was made of a factory chimney and the engineer and manager were interviewed following excessive smoke emission.

Two notices of intention to instal furnaces were received.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district licensed to manufacture or store rag flock, and the only premises which were registered for upholstery closed down during the year.

Moveable Dwellings and Caravans

During the year three Caravan Site Licences was issued. There were three sites licensed for single caravans and one site licensed for 15 caravans at the end of the year.

Filthy and Verminous Premises

Under this heading 47 visits were made.

One house with fleas was treated with insecticide. Disinfestation treatment was carried out or insecticide and advice given at 10 houses following complaints of insect nuisance. 2 Council houses and 7 other houses were inspected following alleged untidy, dirty or verminous conditions.

Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	140	7	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	148	7	—	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found: 7. Remedied .. 1

3. Outworkers

There were 63 outworkers in the district employed as menders and burlers for various textile firms.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The duties of Rodent Operative are included in the duties of the Health Department foreman.

Rodent Control

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in district	8984	184
2. (a) Total No. of properties inspected following notification	103	3
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	53	2
(ii) mice.. .. .	35	—
3. (a) No. of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	4	1
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	3	1
(ii) mice.. .. .	1	—

Sewer Treatment

Treatment of the sewers was not undertaken during 1969.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

1. Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances

There were 22 informal notices and 2 statutory notices for the abatement of nuisances outstanding at the end of 1968. During the year 50 informal notices and 20 statutory notices were issued and 31 informal and 22 statutory notices complied with or withdrawn, leaving 41 informal notices outstanding at the end of 1969.

2. Public Health Inspectors' Inspections and Visits during 1969:—

General Public Health	226
Housing Inspections (including housing nuisances)	1029
Moveable dwellings & Caravans	6
Factories—Health Provisions—Factories Act and Public Health Act	39
Cleansing Section administration & refuse disposal	415
Refuse Transport	102
Rats and Mice	76
Building Byelaws (new drainage & new sanitary fittings) ..	336
Infectious Disease and Disinfection	28
Inspection of Meat and other foods	377
Food Shops	67
Food Preparation Premises	44
Food Sampling	113
Clean Air	20
Slaughterhouses	10
Shops—nuisances	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	29
Total Number of Inspections and Visits	2918

3. Sanitary Improvements effected following action by the Public Health Inspectors

Repairs or renewals carried out:—

Gutters	1	Dustbins provided by owners	
Ceilings	2	or occupiers	4
Windows	1	Water Supply	2
Internal Walls	1	Drains	2
Floors.. .. .	2	Drains (cleared only) ..	9
Sink	1	Water closets.. ..	2
		Closet compartments ..	2

SECTION IV

HOUSING

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Provision of New Houses

Additional dwellinghouses provided during the year were as follows:

(a) By the Local Authority—New permanent type ..	36
(b) By private enterprise—New houses	110
Total	146

Housing Statistics

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:—

(a) In Clearance Areas	..	..	..	..	..	45
(b) Individual Unfit Houses	..	..	..	..	..	15

Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year Persons	Families
in Clearance Areas	—	9	3
Not in Clearance Areas:			
() As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	3	2
(b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—

Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during year Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) (Undertakings), 17(1) (Inexpedient to demolish), and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	—	3	1

Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by Local Authority	26	—
After formal action under the Public Health and Housing Acts	1	—

Number of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings

(a) From Clearance Areas, Individual Unfit Houses, etc. ..	2
(b) From Overcrowded Houses	1

Rent Act, 1957

(a) Number of certificates of disrepair granted	Nil
(b) Number of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	Nil
(c) Number of certificates of disrepair revoked	Nil

Grants for Conversion or Improvements of Housing Accommodation

	Formal applications received during the year No. of dwellings	Applications approved during the year No. of dwellings	No. of dwellings completed during the year
(a) Conversions (No. of dwellings resulting from conversions):—			
Discretionary Grants	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Improvements:—			
Standard Grants	49	43	37
Discretionary Grants	—	2	2
9 of the 43 Standard Grants approved in 1969 were for tenanted houses.			

Details of advances for the purpose of acquiring or constructing Houses

During 1969, 12 advances were made under the Housing Acts.

SECTION V

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The supervision of all dairy farms and milk production is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

There are 44 estimated sources of supply of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk in the Urban District.

Producer/Retailers	29
Producers only (This milk is retailed by 5 distributors)	12
Producer/Retailers from premises outside the district	1
Producer only outside the district (retailed by 2 distributors in the district)	2
Total	44

Milk Sampling

Sampling of milk supplies by the Department has been restricted to examination of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk for the presence of *Brucella abortus*. The procedure adopted has been to sample supplies in the retail containers. In order to sample systematically it was necessary to visit the farms. Where such a sample was reported as being infected with *Brucella abortus*, the producer was notified and a sample of milk was taken from every milking cow in the herd. The ear number of each cow was noted and the milk from every infected cow was made subject to an order served by the Medical Officer of Health, under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, and was not sold without being heat treated.

At the beginning of 1969, 3 orders were operative in respect of the milk from 10 cows. During the year the Medical Officer of Health made 7 orders restricting the sale of raw milk from 16 cows. 7 orders in respect of the milk from 20 cows were withdrawn during the year; the cows being disposed of for slaughter. At the end of the year 3 orders in respect of the milk from 19 cows, remained operative.

Examination for the presence of *Brucella abortus*

No. of herd samples taken	.. .. .	75
No. of herd samples found to be infected	.. .. .	7
No. of "individual cow" samples taken	.. .. .	47
No. of "individual cow" samples found to be infected	..	3

Ice Cream

At the end of 1969 there were no premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, 65 being registered for sale only.

Bread

There are 8 bakehouses in the district.

Section 63, Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The West Riding County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Section of the Act. The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures reports that during the year 36 milk samples and 19 samples of other foods were examined, all but 2 of which were found to be genuine.

Two samples of milk were found to be deficient in fat and cautions were issued by the Clerk of the County Council.

Unsound Foods

The following food from retail shops was found to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered for destruction:—

	lbs.	ozs.
Canned Meat	.. 47	—
Frozen foods	.. 587	—
Other foods	.. 1278	—
	_____	_____
Total	.. 1912	—
	_____	_____

Food Byelaws

The Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938, concerning the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air, were in operation.

Meat

Regular slaughtering and meat inspection has taken place at the 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Particulars of carcasses inspected by the Public Health Inspectors and condemned are shown below:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	326	1	2	660	2300
Carcases Inspected	326	1	2	660	2300
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	25	—	—	6	114
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci ..	7.6	—	—	0.9	5.0
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	20
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	0.9
Cysticercosis only					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

Total weight of meat or organs voluntarily surrendered: 791 lbs.

100% meat inspection and marking has been carried out during the year with a minimum of overtime working. Charges of 2s. 6d. for each bovine, 9d. for each calf or pig and 6d. for each sheep or lamb inspected, were made.

The number of butchers' shops in the district is 19, whilst the number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, potted meats, etc., is 19.

During the year 111 visits were made to food shops and food preparing premises.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

The number of slaughtermen licensed at the end of the year was 16.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Measles

A total of 118 cases were notified, 6 in the first quarter, 52 in the second quarter, 59 in the third quarter and one in the last quarter of the year. Of these cases 2 were under one year of age, 64 were of pre-school and 52 of school age.

Tuberculosis

During the year one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was entered in the register whilst 6 cases of Pulmonary and 2 cases of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis were removed. The cases remaining on the register at the end of the year were:

Pulmonary	..	..	..	Male 14	Female 11
Non-pulmonary		..	..	Male 3	Female 4

Infective Jaundice

Three cases were notified, one of pre-school age and two of school age.

SECTION VII

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF THE
WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE**

DIVISION 20

URBAN DISTRICTS OF :

COLNE VALLEY

KIRKBURTON

DENBY DALE

MELTHAM

HOLMFIRTH

SADDLEWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

BY

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DIVISIONAL STAFF

Divisional Medical Officer
P. M. SAMMON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

A. L. J. CUSACK, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.
(Resigned 31.8.69)

L. LLOYD EVANS, M.B., Ch.B.
Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.

Clinic Medical Officers (Part-time)

H. C. BOOTH, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Appointed 30.10.69)	A. A. KENYON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
A. N. BRADFORD, M.B., B.C., L.M.S.S.A.	T. A. LAMBROS, M.B., Ch.B.
N. DENNIS, M.B., Ch.B.	S. M. LIGHTOWLER, M.B., Ch.B.
B. EAGLES, M.B., Ch.B.	H. MERCER, M.B., Ch.B.
A. HAND, M.B., Ch.B. (Resigned 23.10.69)	A. K. RAKHIT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (Resigned 31.12.69)
E. HIGGINS, M.B., Ch.B.	L. M. SYKES, M.B., Ch.B.
	V. WARDLE (Appointed 10.9.69)

Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss J. L. LAW

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. M. J. BALL	Mrs. O. P. HOLLINGDALE
Miss J. M. BALMFORTH	Mrs. D. INMAN
*Mrs. B. BUCKLEY	Mrs. E. L. B. LYTHE
*Mrs. G. M. CLARK (Resigned 30.6.69)	Mrs. M. MCKENNA
Mrs. M. DEVY	Mrs. J. MILLER (Appointed 29.9.69)
Mrs. F. E. FISCHER	Miss B. I. OWNSWORTH
Miss I. C. GARRICK	Miss R. PYATT
Transferred to Div. 5 1.5.69	Mrs. M. E. ROBINSON
Mrs. P. HARTLEY	Mrs. A. ROYSTON
Mrs. A. J. HERRIOTT	Mrs. G. M. WADSWORTH
(Appointed 27.10.69)	*Mrs. J. YATES

Assistants to the Health Visitors:

*Mrs. A. A. BUTTERWORTH	Mrs. D. SPENCER
Mrs. N. LEATHAM	*Mrs. M. STAINFORTH
Mrs. J. LEACH	

Midwives:

Mrs. I. A. GREEN	Mrs. E. KILROY
Mrs. K. HAIGH	Mrs. M. KILROY

Nurse/Midwives:

Miss M. ASHTON	Mrs. D. GARLICK
*Mrs. P. BAMFORTH (Appointed 3.10.69)	Miss C. GREENWOOD
Mrs. M. BOOTHROYD	Miss B. HEMSLEY (Resigned 27.8.69)
Miss K. BROOKES	Mrs. K. M. KAYE
Miss C. M. DUCKWORTH	Miss M. SYKES

Home Nurses:

Mrs. M. W. ALLOTT	*Mrs. M. MOORHOUSE
Mrs. M. D. BENNION	Mrs. N. PLATT (Resigned 18.7.69)
Mrs. B. BENTLEY	Mrs. J. TAYLOR
*Mrs. J. D. BOTTOM (Resigned 30.9.69)	Miss. M. WHITELEY
Miss L. CASEY	Mrs. E. H. WILSON
Mrs. E. CHARLES	
*Mrs. M. R. HINDLEY (Appointed 1.12.69)	

Mental Welfare Officers:

Mrs. A. L. CARTER	Mr. F. B. SYKES
Mr. D. COCKIN	
Mr. P. McHALE	

Speech Therapist:

*Mrs. C. E. STACEY

Kirkburton Training Centre Staff:

Supervisor: Mrs. J. BOOTH

Senior Assistant Supervisor:

MISS M. E. WHITEHOUSE (Resigned 20.6.69)
Miss E. BALL (Appointed 1.9.69)

Assistant Supervisors:

Mrs. E. M. DARLEY (Resigned 31.12.69)
Mrs. D. H. ELLIS
Mrs. N. NOBLE

Senior Instructor: Mr. A. D. BERRY

Instructors:

Mr. P. H. ROBERTS

Attendant:

Mrs. D. J. PURVES (Appointed 3.11.69)

Cadet: Miss B. H. GALVIN

Divisional Administrative Officer: Mr. G. A. BEATSON

**Part-time*

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL—SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

In this section an account is given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council in the Division.

The Division which consists of the Urban Districts of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Meltham and Saddleworth, has a population of 96,290 and an area of 82,750 acres. Although the population is only slightly more than one person per acre on average, owing to the wild moorland nature of much of the Division, the majority of the inhabitants live in small urban communities in the various valleys.

STAFF

The Divisional Medical Officer is also the Medical Officer of Health to the six County districts in the Division. There is an establishment for one Senior Departmental Medical Officer who is also Deputy Medical Officer of Health for all the County Districts except Saddleworth, and a Senior Departmental Medical Officer who is Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Saddleworth. Both these posts were vacant at the end of the year.

There is also provision for two full-time Departmental Medical Officers. One of the Departmental Medical Officers was promoted to the post of Senior Departmental Medical Officer (clinical) at the end of the year.

Twelve part-time Medical Officers undertake sessional work at Child Welfare Centres.

Four Mental Welfare Officers are employed wholly in the Division.

The staff at the Training Centre consists of a Supervisor, a Senior and two Assistant Supervisors, a Senior Instructor, an Instructor, an attendant and a Cadet.

Details of the Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Staffs will be found later in this report.

The statistics given in this Section relate to the whole Division but where practicable they are sub-divided into those for the various districts.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1969

	Colne Valley U.D.	Denby Dale U.D.	Holm- firth U.D.	Kirk- burton U.D.	Mel- tham U.D.	Saddle worth U.D.	Division No. 20	Aggregate West Riding U.D's.	West Riding Admin. County	Eng- land & Wales prov. figures
Area (Acres) ..	16,052	10,165	17,565	14,577	5,906	18,485	82,750	380,334	1,609,759	*
Population ..	21,000	10,630	18,960	19,710	6,370	19,620	96,290	1,265,770	1,786,280	*
Live Births ..	312	215	293	290	99	300	1,509	21,312	30,274	*
Still Births ..	6	2	4	6	3	2	23	299	415	*
Deaths ..	315	149	217	336	58	248	1,323	15,606	20,798	*
Deaths under 1 year of age ..	11	3	5	5	1	3	28	411	573	*
Birth Rate Per 1,000 estimated population (Crude)	14.86	20.23	15.45	14.71	15.54	15.29	15.67	16.8	16.9	16.3
„ (Adjusted)	16.64	22.45	17.15	16.33	17.56	16.97	—	17.2	17.1	—
Death Rates All per 1,000 esti- mated population All Causes (Crude)	15.00	14.02	11.44	17.04	9.11	12.64	13.74	12.3	11.6	11.9
„ „ (Adjusted)	15.15	14.02	10.64	10.91	8.83	12.01	—	12.9	12.6	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.03	0.03	0.02
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tubercul- osis of respiratory system) ..	2.24	1.79	1.16	4.16	1.10	2.24	2.30	1.81	1.69	*
Cancer ..	2.48	1.79	2.22	2.64	2.04	2.29	2.32	2.22	2.10	2.35
Circulatory Diseases excluding Cerebro- vascular Disease ..	6.52	6.77	4.80	5.80	4.24	5.20	5.66	4.67	4.39	*
Cerebrovascular Disease ..	1.48	1.60	1.90	2.03	0.47	1.53	1.63	1.83	1.70	*
Infant Mortality	35.26	13.95	17.06	17.24	10.10	10.00	18.55	19.3	18.9	18.1
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.19	0.20	0.19

*Figures not available.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of live births registered in the Divisional area during 1969 was 1,509 (778 male, 731 female) a decrease of 44 compared with the previous year.

THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE was 15.67 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 16.30 for 1968.

The illegitimate live births numbered 90 or 5.96% of the total live births. This compares with 29 or 2.68% in 1955, 57 in 1962, 77 in 1963, 88 in 1964, 82 in 1965, 82 in 1966, 94 in 1967 and 102 in 1968.

Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Divisional area after correction for transfers were 1,323 (678 male, 645 female) an increase of 36 on the total for 1968.

THE CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 13.74 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 13.51 for the previous year.

The following were the principal causes of death in order of frequency:

(i) Circulatory diseases (excl. Cerebrovascular disease)	..	545
(ii) Respiratory diseases	.. .. .	221
(iii) Malignant Neoplasms	.. .. .	214
(iv) Cerebrovascular disease	.. .. .	157

These four causes accounted for 85.94% of the total deaths.

Infant Mortality

In 1969 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 28, as compared with 26 in the previous year. Of these deaths 22 infants were under 4 weeks of age at the time of death.

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE was 13.74 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 16.74 for 1968.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 19.03 as compared with 15.15 for 1968.

One illegitimate child died under one year of age giving a death rate amongst illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births of 11.11.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Smallpox

No cases of smallpox were reported during the year.

The number of records of vaccinations and re-vaccinations received during the year was 831 and 38 as compared with 635 and 21 respectively in the previous year.

Details of the various age groups vaccinated and re-vaccinated are given below:—

VACCINATIONS						RE-VACCINATIONS				
Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total
6	582	174	69	—	831	—	9	29	—	38

No cases of Generalised Vaccinia were reported.

Diphtheria

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Arrangements for immunisation have continued as in previous years, the inoculations being given at Infant Welfare Centres and by private medical practitioners.

During the year, 907 children received a full course of primary immunisation and 913 received booster doses as compared with 965 and 855 respectively in 1968.

Of the 1,553 children born in 1968, 1,066 were immunised against diphtheria either in 1968 or 1969. This is equivalent to a percentage of 68.64%, as compared with 79.84% for 1967.

Number of Children Immunised in 1969 Against Diphtheria

	Children born in years						Total
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	Others under age 16	
Completed Primary Courses	51	792	34	7	21	2	907
Re-inforcing Doses ..	—	11	36	7	823	36	913

Records of the immunisation state of children in the Divisional area as at 31st December, 1969, are shown below:—

Age at 31.12.69 <i>i.e.</i> , Born in Year	Under 1 1969	1-4 1965-68	5-9 1960-64	10-14 1955-59	Total Under 15
Last complete course of in- jections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1965-69	51	3,043	3,691	3,659	10,444
B. 1964 or earlier	—	163	2,302	1,831	4,296
	Children under 5		Children 5-14		
Estimated mid-year child population	7,400		12,000		19,400
Percentage of child popula- tion last immunised 1965-69 (whether primary or booster)	41.81		61 25		53 84

Measles Vaccination

The number of persons who received vaccination against measles during the year was as follows:

Born in year				
1969 ..	..	..	..	—
1968 ..	..	..	..	64
1967 ..	..	..	..	215
1966 ..	..	..	..	118
1962-65	..	..	..	147
1953-61	..	..	..	6
Total ..				550

This compares unfavourably with the previous year when 1,464 persons were vaccinated, the reason being that for much of the year vaccine was in very short supply.

Whooping Cough

Immunisation of children against whooping cough has continued throughout the year. The majority of children immunised received protection through the combined antigens.

The inoculations have been carried out by private medical practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and during the year 890 children received protective treatment as follows, compared with 940 in 1968:—

Number of children immunised born in year						
1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	1953-61	Total
51	785	33	4	15	2	890

Of the 1,553 children born in 1968 a total of 1,058 were immunised either in 1968 or 1969. This is equivalent to 68.1% of the total number of children born in 1968 and compares with 79.4% for 1967.

Dysentery

During the year 8 cases of Sonne Dysentery were confirmed in the Division as compared with 30 cases in 1968. Six of these cases occurred in Colne Valley U.D., one in Meltham U.D. and one in the Saddleworth Urban District. Of these 3 were children of pre-school age, 4 were children of school age and one was an adult.

Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

The arrangements for vaccination against poliomyelitis have continued.

During the year, vaccinations given were as follows:—

							Oral
Children born in 1969	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Children born in 1968	..	..	..	..	..	..	859
Children born in 1967	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
Children born in 1966	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Children born in 1962—1965	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Others under age 16 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Received 4th booster doses (children 5-11 years)	..	..					926

Food Poisoning

Two cases of food poisoning occurred, one in Colne Valley U.D. and one in the Saddleworth U.D.

Brucellosis in Cattle

During the year the Public Health Inspectors in the various Urban Districts in the Division and the County Milk Sampling Officers have continued taking samples of milk for biological test for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis. No samples were positive for Tuberculosis but of 371 herd samples taken 21 were positive for Brucellosis by cream culture test.

The follow-up of the positive herd samples resulted in the taking of 1648 individual cow samples of which 63 were positive by cream culture test. In consequence of these results, 36 compulsory Pasteurisation Orders were made under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations (General) 1959, involving 29 farms.

Details of the samples taken in the various Urban Districts are given in the following table:—

District	HERDS				INDIVIDUAL COWS			
	No. Taken	Positive Results			No. Taken	Results Positive		
		Cream	Serum	Spleen		Cream	Serum	Spleen
Colne Valley	61	2	—	—	4	1	—	—
Denby Dale	35	2	—	—	872	32	—	—
Holmfirth	82	8	—	—	87	5	—	—
Kirkburton	166	7	—	—	481	19	—	—
Meltham	22	2	—	—	59	—	—	—
Saddleworth	5	—	—	—	145	6	—	—
TOTAL	371	21	—	—	1648	63	—	—

Mass Radiography Service

Details of the Surveys carried out in the Divisional area during the year are as follows:—

Survey undertaken at	Number Examined	ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED			
		Tuberculosis		Other	Total
		Active	Inactive		
Colne Valley U.D.					
Liberal Club, Golcar	197	1	—	2	3
Civic Hall, Slaithwaite	981	1	—	4	5
Denby Dale U.D.					
Pilling School, Skelmanthorpe	296	—	—	1	1
Holmfirth U.D.					
David Brown Gear Industries Ltd., Lee Mills, Scholes	173	—	—	1	1
Hepworth Iron Co. Ltd., Bridge Mills, Holmfirth	211	—	—	1	1
J. Watkinson & Son Ltd., Washpit Mills, Holmfirth	163	1	1	—	2
A.T.C. Headquarters Thongsbridge	318	—	—	—	—
Kirkburton U.D.					
Storches Hall Hospital	1374	2	1	8	11
Martin Sons & Co. Ltd., Brookfield Mills, Kirkburton	196	—	—	—	—
Town Hall, Kirkburton	331	—	2	2	4
Meltham U.D.					
Civic Hall, Meltham	422	—	1	1	2
Saddleworth U.D.					
Saddleworth Secondary Modern School	499	—	—	—	—
Fletcher & Sons Ltd., Greenfield	478	—	—	3	3
Total	5639	5	5	23	33

MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

Domiciliary Midwifery

The number of cases attended by the domiciliary midwives during the year was 201 as compared with 191 in 1968.

At the commencement of the year, 4 midwives and 9 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year, one part-time nurse/midwife was appointed and one nurse/midwife resigned.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of 4 midwives and 9 nurse/midwives (one of them part-time).

The services of the domiciliary midwives continued to be offered to all patients confined in hospitals or maternity homes but discharged home before the 10th day of puerperium. During the year, 522 such patients received nursing care, 2,019 individual visits being paid to them.

Of the 1,535 births notified and attributed to the Division, 202 occurred at home. The midwives and Home Nurse/Midwives together attended 202 cases.

Notifications:

Four notifications relating to stillbirths were received from midwives practising in the Division.

Medical Assistance:

Medical aid forms sent in by midwives during 1969 numbered 68, (11 domiciliary, 57 institutional).

The institutional notifications all related to mothers confined in the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital.

Gas and Air Analgesia

Each of the 13 domiciliary midwives was supplied with a trilene apparatus and 3 were held in reserve.

Trilene was administered to 146 cases or 72.28 % of the cases attended as compared with 125 cases in 1968.

Pethidine was administered by domiciliary midwives to 114 cases or 56.44 % of the cases attended as compared with 134 cases in 1968.

Ante-Natal Clinics

During the year, 97 ante-natal patients attended at the various clinics, details of which are given in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients		Number of Attendances		Average attendance per session
		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	
Springhead ..	27	73	—	292	—	10.81
Uppermill ..	23	24	—	133	—	5.78
TOTAL	†50	97	—	425	—	8.50

†Includes 37 sessions conducted by midwife—no doctor present.

The arrangements made with the general practitioner/obstetricians for the midwives and home nurse/midwives to attend the weekly ante-natal clinics conducted by them in their surgeries have continued. Particulars of attendances at these clinics are given below:—

			<i>No. of sessions</i>	<i>No. of attendances</i>
Denby Dale	..	..	48	429
Golcar	..	..	40	144
Golcar	..	..	46	201
Honley	..	..	35	669
Shepley	..	..	23	250
Meltham	..	..	39	317
Skelmanthorpe	..	..	45	551
Slaithwaite	..	..	52	272
Slaithwaite	..	..	47	225
Slaithwaite	..	..	45	152
Scissett	..	..	11	68
Kirkburton	..	..	22	177

The attendances at the ante-natal relaxation classes show an increase of 449 on those for 1968. The instruction given by the midwives and health visitors is greatly appreciated by the expectant mothers.

Particulars of attendances at these classes are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients	Number of attendances	Average attendance per session
Golcar	46	36	211	4.59
Honley	47	39	259	5.51
Kirkheaton	48	35	240	5.00
Kirkburton	51	41	245	4.80
Lepton	43	24	221	5.14
Meltham	48	39	285	5.94
Scissett	38	46	264	6.94
Slaithwaite	46	34	135	2.93
Uppermill	47	46	378	8.04
Springhead	47	31	227	4.83
Holmfirth	36	48	304	8.44
Marsden	14	7	44	3.14
TOTAL ..	511	426	2813	5.50

Flying Squad Arrangements

The arrangements for the “Obstetric Flying Squads” based on the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and the Oldham and District General Hospital have continued. No calls were made on either squad to attend patients in the Division during the year.

Institutional Midwifery

The percentage of institutional births is 86.84 as compared with 87.52 in 1968 and 85.12 in 1967.

The system of booking for maternity accommodation in Huddersfield whereby applications are made through the general practitioner has continued and has secured a better selection of patients. No requests from hospitals for environmental reports have been received during the past four years.

The scheme for planned 48 hour-plus discharge from the Marron Maternity Unit at the Oldham & District General Hospital continues to work satisfactorily. Notification is received of all pending early discharges and environmental reports are submitted in those cases where the home conditions are considered to be unsuitable.

Place of Confinement	Colne Valley	Denby Dale	Holmfirth	Kirkburton	Meltham	Saddleworth	Total
General Hospitals:							
Hudds. Royal Infirmary	47	26	20	28	16	—	137
St. Luke's Hospital ..	143	33	8	74	42	1	301
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital ..	—	—	249	5	4	—	258
Oldham & Dist. General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	152	152
Ashton-u-Lyne General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	10	10
Others ..	—	6	—	4	—	3	13
N.H.S. Maternity Homes and Hospitals:							
Princess Royal Maternity Home ..	90	67	10	127	31	—	325
Woodfield Maternity Home ..	—	—	—	—	—	73	73
Others ..	..	16	2	16	1	—	35
Private Maternity Homes	—	2	—	1	—	—	3
	280	150	289	255	94	239	1307
Domiciliary ..	32	65	4	35	5	61	202
TOTAL ..	312	215	293	290	99	300	1509

Premature Babies

During the year 91 babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less were born alive in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division and 4 were born at home. Of those born at home one was a stillbirth and the other 3 were surviving at the end of the month.

Co-operation with General Practitioners

For a number of years it has been the policy of the West Riding to encourage co-operation with General Practitioners. Evidence of this policy is seen in the Division by the increasing use by General Practitioners of Local Authority Health Premises, either as main or branch surgery accommodation. Nursing attachments to practices are popular. There is an increasing use by General Practitioners of the County Computer facilities for vaccination and immunisation programmes.

A highlight of the year was when the General Practitioners moved into the new Health Centre at Holmfirth.

At the present time, sixteen General Practitioners representing six practices use Health Premises for main branch surgeries. A further five General Practitioners use Local Authority Clinics for branch surgeries.

CHILD WELFARE

Distribution of Welfare Foods

There has been no change in the arrangements for the distribution of Welfare Foods.

At the 17 distribution centres in the Division the welfare foods distributed during the year, and the comparative figures for 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 are as follows:

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
National Dried Milk (Tins)	1,183	1,889	2,183	2,492	2,911
Orange Juice (Bottles)	33,107	31,429	32,602	27,783	24,960
Cod Liver Oil (Bottles)	1,849	2,226	2,134	2,351	2,458
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets (Packets)	1,704	1,501	1,546	1,680	1,833

Infant Welfare Clinics

As compared with 1968 there has been an increase of 130 to 4,622 in the number of children who attended the various clinics and an increase of 972 to 33,316 in the number of attendances made. The attendances at the Mobile Clinic have also increased during the year when 226 children made 920 attendances as compared with 183 children making 825 attendances in 1968.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of infant welfare sessions held during year by—					Total	Total No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in	Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances made by children who were born in the year			Total attendances during the year	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioner employed on sessional basis	Hospital medical staff	1969				1968	1964–1967			
Delph—Swan Meadow	—	4	48	—	52	39	13	11	63	359	404	331	1094
Golcar—Woodville, Scar Lane .. .	—	—	50	—	50	80	126	65	271	604	724	450	1778
Greenfield—Methodist Church .. .	5	24	21	—	50	29	66	77	172	303	400	569	1272
Holmfirth—Health Centre, Huddersfield Road	18	23	8	—	49	105	97	90	292	1183	985	187	2355
Honley—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Eastgate .. .	10	3	36	—	49	62	63	89	214	411	503	347	1261
Kirkburton—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Shelley Lane .. .	51	1	—	—	52	50	64	53	167	756	447	334	1537
Kirkheaton—Fields Rise .. .	3	2	44	—	49	77	72	175	324	967	585	817	2369
Lepton—Greaves House .. .	4	—	47	—	51	74	64	37	175	564	531	234	1329
Linthwaite—Causeway Crescent .. .	5	2	43	—	50	66	103	209	378	562	720	605	1887
Marsden—Victoria Street .. .	4	—	47	—	51	56	80	105	241	729	749	369	1847
Meltham—Carlile Institute .. .	—	—	51	—	51	112	191	112	415	1184	1110	324	1618
New Mill—Council Offices .. .	3	3	46	—	52	52	134	116	302	440	513	296	1249
Scissett—Fleet Street .. .	37	15	1	—	53	124	86	85	295	1304	925	452	2681
Slaithwaite—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane .. .	3	1	48	—	52	89	172	85	346	1046	1022	714	2782
Springhead—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper St. .. .	4	—	46	—	50	100	143	153	396	1178	1115	784	3077
Uppermill—Smithy Lane .. .	—	1	52	—	53	102	118	91	311	1376	1170	337	2883
Mobile Clinic .. .	25	12	8	—	45	54	82	90	226	235	432	253	920
Emley—Tipping Lane .. .	11	12	2	—	25	13	18	3	34	191	177	9	377
Total	183	103	598	—	884	1284	1692	1646	4622	13392	12512	7412	33316

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act, 1948

As Amended by the Health Service and Public Health Act, 1968

The new acts became operative during the year and should make for the achievement of better standards all round. Due to the shortage of staff and the amount of work involved, it will take the department some time to secure the formal registration of all applicants under the above acts.

At the end of the year there were 7 registered Child Minders in the area. The number of children permitted to be received varies from 2 to 12. In addition 5 playgroups for toddlers were registered under the Act, the size of these groups varying from 16 to 24 children.

There are no day nurseries in the area provided by the County Council but occasionally children are admitted to Day Nurseries in the Huddersfield County Borough at the expense of the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

The number of cases visited during the year was 9,586 which is an increase of 1,045 on the previous year.

During the year one full-time and one part-time qualified health visitors resigned their appointments, whilst 2 full-time qualified health visitors were appointed.

A Health Visitor has continued to attend the diabetic out-patient clinic held at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on one half-day each week. She also carries out home visitations of the West Riding patients attending the clinic. During the year, the Health Visitor attended 51 clinic sessions and made 2,197 home visits to 334 patients.

Visits paid by Health Visitors

Cases Visited	No. of Cases
Children born in 1969	1,547
Children born in 1968	1,577
Children born in 1964-67	2,451
	5,575
Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits) ..	1,006
Mentally disordered persons	34
Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital	480
No. of tuberculous households visited	154
No. of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	28
Other cases	2,308

HEALTH EDUCATION

In 1969 the Health Visitors and the Divisional Nursing Officer have continued their Health Education work from 1968. This includes:

Topical displays in the clinics.

Illustrated talks to the Expectant Mothers at the Ante-natal Relaxation Classes.

Illustrated talks to various organised meetings as invited speaker.

Participation in the sponsored Mothers Clubs held in the clinics.

Mothercraft talks to girls in Secondary Modern schools who are sitting their C.S.E. examinations.

School Health Education programme as requested by Head Masters to various groups of children.

Participation in P.T.A. meetings either as invited speaker, member of a panel or in the audience in advisory capacity.

Many of the Home Nurses and Midwives are also involved in Health Education participating in:

The Ante-natal Relaxation classes.

Talks to various organisations as invited speakers.

Mothercraft demonstrations to girls in Secondary Modern schools who are sitting their C.S.E. examinations.

The sponsored West Riding County Council Mothers Clubs.

Home Nurses and Midwives along with the Divisional Nursing Officer, General Practitioners and the ambulance Officer all share the responsibility of training the local Home Helps when courses can be arranged. Two were successfully held in 1969.

In this Division there is a very close liaison with the Ambulance officers at the Depot in Honley. The station officer is frequently part of the Health Education team with the staff in the School Health Education programme, the Home Help courses, at various organised meetings of the public, and at staff conferences.

Unfortunately the Home Nurses and Midwives have no official training in the use of the projector. It is felt that the staff require periodical stimulus and more training in this field.

PROBLEM FAMILIES

The two Co-ordinating Committees operating in the Division have continued to meet regularly throughout the year. Representatives from the County Health, Education, Welfare and Children's Departments attended each meeting, together with representatives from the various County Districts. Other members of the Committees are the local N.S.P.C.C. Inspectors, officials of the Department of Health and Social Security and the Probation Officers.

The Saddleworth Committee met four times during the year, with an average attendance of 9 members. A total of 16 families were discussed, 7 of them being new cases. Six families were removed from the list during the year, 3 of them being improved, one left the district, one died and in one case the child was removed to residential care.

The Huddersfield Committee met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 14 members. A total of 35 families were discussed, 10 of them being new cases. 7 families were removed from the list, 5 being improved, and 2 having left the district.

The Committees have continued close liaison with the Housing Authorities.

During the year rent guarantees were in operation in respect of 16 families, in 5 cases these being withdrawn.

No cases were assisted during the year by the provision of a domestic help without assessment.

HOME NURSING

At the commencement of the year 9 full-time and 2 part-time home nurses and 9 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year one full-time and one part-time home nurses and one full-time nurse/midwife resigned their appointments. One part-time home nurse and one part-time nurse/midwife were appointed.

At the end of the year, the staff consisted of 8 full-time and 2 part-time home nurses and 8 full-time and one part-time nurse/midwives.

A summary of the number of cases dealt with during the year is shown in the following table:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during year
Medical	1,462	31,619
Surgical	633	12,733
Infectious Diseases	15	252
Tuberculosis	18	481
Maternal complications	40	285
Other	—	—
Total ..	2,168	45,370
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year	1,286	28,573
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year	75	572
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year	526	32,362

CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT

The County Council provide convalescent home treatment for approved patients. During the year, 5 cases were sent to Convalescent Homes on the family doctor's recommendations. Five additional applications were withdrawn.

THE HOME HELP SERVICE

The number of part-time Home Helps employed during the year was 167 and these gave help equivalent to that of 56.26 full-time Home Helps, an increase of 2.43 on those employed in 1968.

The number of patients receiving help during the year was 902, an increase of 23 compared with 1968, and the total hours of service given increased by 5,038 to 117,013.

All our home helps are employed on a part-time basis, this being found to be more satisfactory than the employment of whole-time helps, as it enables the home help to be given two or three cases to attend in the vicinity of her home and obviates the necessity of travelling far and wide throughout the Divisional area. It is still difficult to recruit home helps who are willing to work during weekends.

Two training courses for home helps were held again this year. Each course consisted of three meetings, the subjects under discussion being as follows:

- (a) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the nursing personnel.
- (b) Dealing with emergency medical problems, the speaker being a general medical practitioner followed by the Ambulance Station Officer demonstrating mouth to mouth resuscitation.
- (c) Budget cooking, demonstrated by a representative of the Gas Board.

These courses were held in Scissett for home helps in the Kirkburton and Denby Dale areas and in Holmfirth for home helps in that area. The response was good and it is possible that further recruitment would be encouraged by the introduction of recognised courses and the issue of proficiency certificates.

Details of the assistance given to the 902 patients are shown in the following table:

CATEGORY	COLNE VALLEY		DENBY DALE		HOLMFIRTH		KIRKBURTON		MELTHAM		SADDLEWORTH		TOTAL	
	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient
Maternity	5	17.70	4	26.25	2	47.25	1	15.00	—	—	8	26.19	20	25.65
Mentally Disordered	—	—	—	—	3	37.66	1	174.00	—	—	—	—	4	71.75
Chronic sick & Tuberculosis (under 65 years of age)	20	96.40	4	94.50	6	407.58	21	191.38	4	212.50	14	73.14	69	154.88
Aged 65 & over	195	121.61	59	130.88	163	152.41	126	194.13	50	150.72	160	87.83	753	136.03
Others	14	89.00	2	15.00	15	64.26	11	39.45	2	101.00	12	18.16	56	55.25
TOTAL	234	115.26	69	133.84	189	150.57	160	182.58	56	155.14	194	79.92	902	129.73

CHIROPODY SERVICE

During the year there was an increase of 43 in the number of patients receiving treatment and an increase of 170 in the number of treatments given.

The proportion of handicapped persons and expectant mothers is very low but in fact, many handicapped persons are included in the Pensioner class.

The extent to which treatment is being provided at more frequent intervals than every two months is very small (1.8 % of patients receiving treatment).

During the year 1,877 patients made 9,508 attendances at treatment centres and 870 patients received 4,068 domiciliary visits.

	CLINIC		DOMICILIARY	
	Patients	Attendances	Patients	Attendances
(a) By Direct Service:				
Golcar	176	928	}	149
Slaithwaite ..	200	1,118		
Holmfirth	226	1,247	}	213
Honley	75	465		
Kirkburton	58	144		95
Kirkheaton	82	424	}	44
Lepton	124	669		
Meltham	164	744		82
Scissett	205	1,080		103
Springhead	66	305	}	70
Uppermill	145	554		
Emley	54	261		16
(b) By Voluntary Assc.				
Delph	85	462		28
Denshaw	33	197		2
Greenfield	68	318		46
Marsden	116	592		22
TOTAL	1,877	9,508	870	4,068

Screening Tests for Cervical Cancer

Married women, aged 35 to 65 years were eligible for the service if they were referred by their own general practitioners. Details of the clinics held during the year will be found in the accompanying table.

Name and Address of Clinic	No. of sessions held during year	No. of patients attending for first time during year	Total No. of smears taken	No. of patients with positive smears
Child Welfare Centre, Eastgate, Honley	11	158	168	1
Health Services Centre, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton	8	117	126	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Fleet Street, Scissett	6	74	77	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite	5	68	72	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper Street, Springhead	6	81	84	1
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Causeway Crescent, Linthwaite	3	38	39	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic Fields Rise, Kirkheaton	3	32	37	—
Child Welfare Centre, Scar Lane, Golcar	5	72	72	1
Child Welfare Centre, Carlile Institute, Meltham	7	111	113	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Tipping Lane, Emley	3	56	56	—
W.R.C.C. Health Centre, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth	7	112	123	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Victoria St., Marsden	1	15	15	—
Total	65	934	982	3

National Assistance Acts, 1948-1951

Under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, a local authority may take action to secure removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. No action was taken under this Section during the year.

Ambulance Service

During the year close co-operation has been maintained with the Superintendent of the Huddersfield Depot and any difficulties of a medical nature arising have been discussed.

The Service has worked smoothly throughout the year and complaints have been negligible.

During the year the ambulances from the Huddersfield Depot travelled 202,087 miles and carried 33,695 patients, 2,943 of these being stretcher patients. Particulars of the cases carried are given below:—

Out-Patients	29,551
Admissions	2,152
Discharges	932
Transfers	304
Accident Patients	756
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					33,695
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In the Saddleworth area arrangements with the Oldham County Borough Ambulance Service have continued.

During the year ambulances of the Oldham Service made journeys involving 20,702 miles and carried 2,904 patients and in addition journeys involving 36,042 miles were made by Sitting Case Cars on behalf of 4,768 patients. Of the patients carried 253 were classed as accident cases, 207 emergency cases and 7,212 others.

Medical Examinations for Superannuation Purposes

During the year 34 examinations regarding suitability for entry into the County Council Superannuation Scheme were carried out by the Department's Medical Staff.

In addition, 7 examinations were carried out on behalf of other Authorities.

Six special examinations following prolonged sickness were also made at the request of the various employing Authorities.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The year was marked by further steady progress in the development of the service and an ever increasing closer liaison of the mental welfare officers with the general practitioners and hospital authorities.

Hospital Liaison

Patients continue to attend as day patients at both St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield and the Elizabeth Martland Unit, Oldham and District General Hospital. This is a very useful service which enables patients to live at home who would otherwise have to be admitted to hospital.

The Mental Welfare Officers attend the Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, on one morning and two afternoons each week and a Mental Welfare Officer visits the Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinic at Oldham and District General Hospital most weeks. This has resulted in a better liaison between the Consultant Psychiatrists and the opportunity to visit patients whilst still in hospital prepares the way for after-care.

Difficulties do arise in placing patients in employment. There are too few sympathetic employers and some patients not really wanting to work often need a great deal of encouragement.

Psychiatric Clubs

On the 1st January the Huddersfield County Borough and West Riding Joint Club was re-started and was most successful. There was an average attendance of 18 members. The members of the Club were taken on a visit to the Saddleworth Club, and members of both Clubs visited the Club at Cleckheaton and also went on a mystery drive into the Bronte Country.

The Saddleworth Club is still mainly occupational but some very lively discussions take place. There was an average attendance of 15 members. Thirty members and relatives enjoyed a day trip to Southport, and together with members from the Huddersfield Club were taken to see the Black and White Minstrels Show at Bradford. Both Clubs had an enjoyable Christmas Party.

Training Centre, Kirkburton

The trainees admitted from the Brighouse Division pending the building of a training centre in that Division have continued to attend.

The number of trainees in attendance at the end of the year was 97, 42 of them being under 16 years of age. The areas from which the trainees who were in attendance at the end of the year came are as follows:—

Resident In	Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Colne Valley U.D. ..	6	2	5	3	11	5
Denby Dale U.D. ..	6	2	5	8	11	10
Holmfirth U.D. ..	—	10	8	4	8	14
Kirkburton U.D. ..	7	2	4	2	11	4
Meltham U.D. ..	3	2	1	2	4	4
Saddleworth U.D. ..	1	1	—	—	1	1
Division No. 19 ..	—	—	1	—	1	—
Division 18 ..	—	—	9	3	9	3
Total	23	19	33	22	56	41

The trainees' progress in the Junior Wing has been very satisfactory.

The Special Care Unit continues but attendances have been disappointing particularly during the winter months.

The total value of work done in the Adult Wings on behalf of the County Supplies Department amounted to £1,077 19s. 4d. In addition to this various contracts were arranged direct with local firms.

Number of Patients referred to Local Health Authority during year ended 31st December, 1969

Referred By	Mentally Ill				Psychopathic				Sub-normal				Severely Sub-normal				Totals				Grand Total
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(a) General Practitioners	—	—	19	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	37	56
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient training	—	—	24	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	50	74
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment ..	—	—	8	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	13	21
(d) Local Education Authorities ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	6
(e) Police and Courts	—	—	6	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	11
(f) Other Sources	—	—	25	43	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	—	—	1	3	—	27	45	75
(g) TOTAL	—	—	82	146	—	—	1	1	2	2	4	2	2	—	—	1	4	2	87	150	243

Number of patients under Local Health Authority care at 31st December, 1969

Referred By	Mentally Ill		Elderly mentally infirm		Psychopathic		Sub-normal		Severely Sub-normal		Totals		
	Under age 16	16 and over	M	F	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over	Grand Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
TOTAL NUMBER	—	—	43	57	3	14	—	—	4	3	12	12	269
No. attending day training centre ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	11	83
No. awaiting entry to training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. awaiting home training ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. resident in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. awaiting residence in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. resident at L.A. expense in other residential home or hostels ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	3
No. attending Day Hospitals	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
No. receiving Home visits and not included above:—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(i) Suitable to attend training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	4	2	10
(ii) Others	—	—	42	52	3	13	1	1	—	—	1	1	167

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Introduction

This account of the School Health Service is a Divisional report and is a combination of the reports presented to the Upper Agbrigg Divisional Executive and the Saddleworth District Sub-Committee. The statistics relate to the whole Division.

Schools in the Area

There are in the Division 75 schools or separate departments, which include the Royd Edge Special School, Meltham.

The approximate number of pupils on the registers in December, 1969 was 13,946 (an increase of 895 as compared with the previous year) and was composed of:—

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
3,753	5,340	4,853

Of the 68 Primary Schools, 32 are Voluntary and 36 are County Schools:—

The distribution is as follows:—

Type of School	Colne Valley		Denby Dale		Holmfirth		Kirkburton		Meltham		Saddleworth		Total	
	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils
Primary	17	2094	9	1150	14	1848	14	1626	3	708	11	1667	68	9093
Secondary	—	—	1	601	1	942	1	330	—	—	1	557	4	2430
Modern	—	—	—	—	1	831	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	831
Grammar	1	1538	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1538
Comprehensive	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	54	—	—	1	54
Special	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Types	18	3632	10	1751	16	3621	15	1956	4	762	12	2224	75	13946

Pupils from Saddleworth attend Grammar Schools in Oldham and Manchester, but so far as the School Health Service is concerned, they are the responsibility of the Medical Officers of the Independent Schools and of the Oldham County Borough Council.

Some pupils from outlying parts of the Division attend Grammar Schools at Mirfield, Penistone, etc.

Medical Inspections

The Medical Inspection pattern was continued as in previous years. As a rule the initial examination is a Pre-school Medical Examination. Thereafter selective examinations are undertaken at the intermediate and leaver stages.

The method of selection is by the process of sending questionnaire to parents and obtaining reports from teachers and health visitors. The questionnaires and reports are then perused by the School Medical Officer who only sees those children who may have medical problems.

During the year 1,637 periodic examinations were carried out whilst the number of 'specials' was 1,916. (This figure includes those examined under the Selective Method).

Particulars of the age grouping of children found at periodic medical inspections to require treatment are given below:—

Age groups inspected (by year of birth)	For Defective Vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in table of defects	Total individual pupils
1965 and later	—	—	—
1964	6	69	58
1963	5	22	20
1962	2	8	7
1961	1	2	3
1960	5	4	7
1959	2	1	3
1958	—	—	—
1957	—	—	—
1956	—	2	2
1955	1	—	1
1954 and earlier	1	—	1
Total	23	108	102

Defects Found at Medical Inspections

The following table gives details of all defects noted at both periodic, selective and special examinations. All defects noted at medical inspections as requiring treatment are included, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of inspection:—

Defect or Disease	Number of Defects			
	Periodic Inspections		Selective and Special Inspections	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment
Skin	7	16	9	42
Eyes (a) Vision	23	99	97	315
(b) Squint	24	27	23	40
(c) Other	3	1	2	13
Ears (a) Hearing	7	38	6	60
(b) Otitis Media	14	44	8	28
(c) Other	1	5	—	4
Nose or Throat	9	86	7	103
Speech	3	39	7	43
Lymphatic Glands	1	37	—	21
Heart and Circulation ..	—	14	4	23
Lungs	1	47	8	63
Developmental (a) Hernia ..	1	10	1	4
(b) Other ..	2	28	3	35
Orthopaedic (a) Posture ..	—	5	1	8
(b) Feet ..	5	43	8	34
(c) Other ..	1	33	6	33
Nervous System (a) Epilepsy	—	2	4	11
(b) Other ..	1	7	—	18
Psychological (a) Development	1	30	2	70
(b) Stability ..	—	35	6	65
Abdomen	2	14	2	13
Other	25	87	14	163
TOTAL ..	131	747	218	1209

Physical Condition of Children

All pupils, except five, at routine periodic medical inspections were classified as being 'Satisfactory'.

Other Examinations

In addition to routine, special and follow-up examinations of children at school medical inspections, children were examined at home or at school for various reasons. These include non-attendance at school, children returning to special schools, and also those examined with a view to providing special educational treatment.

Uncleanliness

The total number of inspections made during the year was 17,210 and 190 instances of infestation were found as compared with 16,980 and 220 respectively in 1968. There were 129 individual children (0.92 % of the school population) found to be infested on at least one occasion, a decrease of 72 compared with the previous year.

Statistics relating to these inspections are as follows:—

Total number of warning letters sent	.. .. .	71
Total number of exclusion notices served	.. .. .	3
Total number of home visits paid	.. .. .	81
Total number of individual children found to be verminous	..	129
Total number of Cleansing Notices issued	.. .. .	Nil
Total number of Cleansing Orders issued	.. .. .	Nil

Arrangements for Treatment

School Clinics

There are no special school clinics in the Division. The children of school age may attend any of the 17 child welfare centres in the area for treatment of minor ailments and to receive “booster doses” of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis antigens. During the year, a total of 761 attendances were made by school children at such clinics. Included in this figure are those children who attended for a medical examination just prior to starting school at the age of 5 years.

Special Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinics

The Leeds Regional Hospital Board continued to make available the services of Dr. M. Davies for two sessions per week in the Divisional Area. This continued until August, 1969, when Dr. Davies resigned and unfortunately it has not been possible to engage a successor.

The sessions were arranged as required at Kirkburton, Meltham, Slaithwaite and Uppermill Clinics, where special facilities are available.

During the year, 50 special clinic sessions were arranged and these were attended by 606 children who made 650 attendances. Spectacles were prescribed for 94 children.

Orthopaedic Clinics

The special hospital Out-Patient clinic for West Riding children has continued to be held by Mr. J. H. Annan and Mr. G. F. Hird at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. At the 13 sessions held during the year, 83 children made a total of 111 attendances.

Child Guidance Treatment

The waiting list of children to be seen at the Child Guidance Clinic is lengthy and thus cases have to be carefully selected before they are actually referred to the Clinic. In the Division we are indebted to the help given to us by Dr. K. N. Maxwell, psychiatrist, and Mr. D. G. Pickles and Mr. P. J. Monaghan the Educational Psychologists. During the year 27 children from the Division attended the clinic.

Speech Therapy

There is an establishment for one full-time Speech Therapist. In the present shortage of Speech Therapists we are still fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Stacey for 4 sessions a week. Inevitably there is a waiting list of children to be seen by the Speech Therapist and cases for referral have to be selected. During the year, 204 individual children attended for treatment at clinics held at Slaithwaite, Meltham, Honley and the Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield.

Dental Treatment

A comprehensive dental service is available throughout the Division. Details of the work carried out during the year and the previous year are summarised below:—

	1969	1968
No. of children inspected	10,782	10,344
No. of children found to require treatment ..	4,881	4,436
No. of children treated	3,645	3,203
No. of attendances	6,328	7,575
No. of extractions—temporary	2,798	2,682
No. of extractions—permanent	889	906
No. of fillings—temporary	954	504
No. of fillings—permanent	5,401	4,713

Diphtheria Immunisation

The previous arrangements for diphtheria immunisation have continued, the injections being given by private practitioners and at the Welfare Centres.

The majority of children are now immunised before entering school. This should always be the case and the importance of immunisation in infancy cannot be over emphasised. Children protected in infancy should have booster injections when they commence school and five years later.

The number of children who received primary immunisation after entering school was 23 and the number receiving re-inforcement injections was 859.

B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the County Council’s scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, arrangements were made to offer B.C.G. Vaccination to all children aged 11 years and over. Vaccinations were carried out during October when 847 children were vaccinated.

Details are given below of the work undertaken during the year:							
Number of children offered B.C.G.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1179
Number of acceptances	..	..	..	..	..	..	934
Number completing skin testing (including children brought forward from previous year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	934
Number positive	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
% positive	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.4
Number negative	..	..	..	..	..	..	847
Number Vaccinated	..	..	..	..	..	..	847
Number of Skin Tests after 12 months	..	..	..	..	..	..	—

Protection of Children Against Tuberculosis

The arrangements for the X-ray examination of the chests of all new entrants to the teaching profession and non-teaching staff of schools have continued. Likewise have those for re-examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is available in the area.

The children found to be mantoux positive as a result of tests for B.C.G. vaccinations are invited to attend for X-ray examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is operating in the area.

School Meals Service

New entrants to the staffs of school canteens are examined by the Department's Medical staff. During the year 96 new entrants were examined and in each case a certificate to the effect that the examinee was fit to work in the School Meals Service was forwarded to the Divisional Education Officer.

Youth Employment Service

There is close co-operation between the School Health and Youth Employment Services. The medical records of all school leavers are considered by the School Medical Officer before the pupils are interviewed by the Youth Employment Officer and types of work for which any child is, in the opinion of the Medical Officer, unsuited, are pointed out.

The more seriously handicapped children are recommended to the Youth Employment Officer for inclusion in the Disabled Persons Register.

In connection with the Employment of Children Bye-Laws, certificates regarding their suitability for employment outside school hours were granted to 37 children for employment as follows:

Newspaper delivery	..	..	26
Shop work	..	..	5
Light duties (Eng.)	..	..	2
Clerk	..	..	1
Delivery of Milk	..	..	1
Entertainment	..	..	1
Errand Boy	..	..	1

Handicapped Pupils

Facilities for the special educational treatment of all classes of handicapped pupils requiring residential care are now fairly readily available, except those classified as Educationally Sub-normal and Maladjusted.

During the year 28 pupils already on the Handicapped Pupils Register were examined to ascertain their need for continued special educational treatment. In addition 15 children were examined for the first time and 15 were put on the Register of Handicapped Pupils. Three pupils already receiving special educational treatment moved into the area and their names were entered on the Register. The number of children removed from the Register as no longer requiring special educational treatment, or because they were over school age or left the Division was 11.

At the end of the year, 210 children were included in the Register, the sub-division into the various classes being as follows:—

	No. on Register	No. at Special School	No. at Ordinary School	No. of Col. 3 awaiting placement
Maladjusted	10	5	4	3
Deaf	7	7	—	—
Partially Deaf	5	5	—	—
Delicate	13	3	8	1
Partially Sighted	5	1	4	2
Blind	2	2	—	—
Physically Handicapped	27	13	13	1
Educationally Subnormal	131	56	74	14
	200	92	103	21

1. One physically handicapped child and 2 delicate children are receiving home tuition.
2. One maladjusted child shown above is away at a remand home at the moment.
3. One educationally subnormal child committed to an Approved School.

The Children's Home, The Leas, Scholes

This report on 'The Leas' Children's Home is for the year ended 31st March, 1970.

During this period all the cottages have been in use.

The number of admissions during the year was 100 and there were 99 discharges. The number resident on 1st April, 1969 was 66 and on the 31st March, 1970, was 67.

All children are medically examined as soon as possible after admission and there was one full routine medical inspection. During the year, 31 children made 70 attendances at the Dental Clinic, 6 children made 12 attendances at the Eye Clinic, 3 children attended the Child Guidance Clinic and 2 children received treatment at the Orthopaedic Clinic.

Nortonthorpe Hostel for Maladjusted Boys

The purpose of the Hostel is to provide a stable and pleasant background for socially insecure children and so enable them to mature and eventually return to their homes without breaking down.

At the end of the year, 24 boys were in residence at the Hostel.

**Reports to the Local Health Authority:
Education Act, 1944. Section 57**

During the year, 13 children were reported to the Local Health Authority under Section 57(4), 8 as “Unsuitable” for education at school and 5 as requiring “Care and Guidance after leaving school”.

Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Courses of Training

During the year, 138 candidates (55 male and 83 female) for entry into Teachers’ Training Colleges were examined and reports submitted to the appropriate College Authority. In addition, 11 reports on Form 28 R.Q. regarding the new entrants to the profession were forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

Liaison with Hospitals and General Practitioners

Cordial relations exist between staffs of the School Health Service, the Hospital Service and the General Practitioners. Information is passed and mutual assistance is given to the general benefit of the children of the area.

